

To: Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
From: Marc Alston
Sent: Sat 8/8/2015 11:25:18 PM
Subject: Re: Animas

Saw you on NBC national news tonight. It is tough being there. You've been there before.

From my coach standpoint:

Be courageous.

Say what need to be said (what they will let you say).

Do your best.

Savor these moments. This too shall pass.

Let me know if you want to talk. I am not marketing.

"Be yourself. Everyone else is taken." -- Oscar Wilde

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On 8/8/15 12:14 PM, Ostrander, David wrote:

Silverton still says no, but maybe that may change

From: Marc Alston [mailto:marc_alston@comcast.net]
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To: Ostrander, David; "griswold.hayes "@epa.gov
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Hayes and David,

Saw your names in the Post, and I was wondering who was working on this. I am sure you are catching tremendous heat, and I am sorry for that. You are both strong, competent professionals, and I know you will hang in there. Reminds me of some of the heat from my Superfund and other days.

Below is some stuff off today's Facebook from Nathan and me. I recall a Silverton town meeting foray I took 21 yr ago. Hayes may have been there. I was the Brownfields Coordinator at the time.

Best
Marc

Nathan Fey--

After working on mine remediation projects in the San Juans with the San Miguel Watershed Coalition and the CO Watershed Network, I saw catastrophe like this as only a matter of time. Lets reform our outdated mining laws and empower good samaritans with limited liability so that mine clean-up can happen faster, and this doesn't happen again. It easily could.

Marc--Very sad, and I agree with Nathan. I am recalling how when with EPA I was sent to Silverton 21 yr ago to "ask" if the town wanted the mines designated as a Superfund site. This was in the beginning of Voluntary cleanups. We got a clear "no". I am not sure of the history since, or saying their decision was wrong. What a mess.